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1. On 9 February 1955, it was determined [redacted] that 8.2 million eastmarks had been allotted for the Beric construction project, which involved brick buildings for approximately 12,000 Soviet soldiers who were quartered in tent camps. 1

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2. It was learned that firing practices were held at the Die Lewitz firing area on 21 February. 2

3. On 22 February, a shipment with tanks or SP guns, guns with vertical spring equilibrators in front of the protective shield, long-barreled guns with muzzle brakes and trucks was seen north of Wittenberge en route toward Ludwigslust. [redacted] 3

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4. Between 1000 and 1300 on 23 February, presumably 12 x 122-mm howitzers, 42 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and approximately 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were entrained at the Magdeburg-Brueckfeld railroad station. The vehicles had arrived from the direction of the Herrenkrug Strasse. 4

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5. Between 0800 and 1700 on 15 February, the following vehicles and soldiers entered the Adler-Loewen Kasernen (2063) in Doeberitz from the direction of Buchow-Karpzow in the western portion of the Doeberitz training grounds:

3 JS-2 tanks [redacted]

tanks [redacted]

[redacted] 21 armored personnel carriers almost exclusively with numbers of the 3xx series, 4 x 152-mm field howitzers, 8 mortars towed by trucks, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 1 SU-100 gun, 6 field kitchens, and approximately 80 trucks including some occupied by soldiers.

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6. During the night of 14 February, 24 T-34 tanks and tanks of the new type, 3 guns of about 120 mm, 8 AT guns of about 60 mm, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, a approximately 48 armored two and three-axle personnel carriers and approximately 60 trucks arrived in the Steinberge-Frankendorf area in the southern portion of the Wittstock training grounds from the direction of Neuruppin. The T-34 tanks and the motor vehicles

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The units practiced in the area mentioned and left toward Neuruppin at about 1500 on 15 February.

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2. Comment. Units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps presumably conducted firing practices on that day.
3. Comment. Artillery units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps with 122-mm field guns of the 4th Gds Arty Brig returned to Schwerin from firing practices in the northern portion of Letzling Heath.

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The tanks and SP guns allegedly observed with the unit presumably were the prime movers of the field guns.

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4. Comment. Elements of the 99th Gds How Arty Regt of the 19th Gds Recz Div, which may have come from the Herrenkrug-Anger Kaserne (5283/5284), were entrained. The shipment probably went to Jävenitz where, two trains were dispatched on 25 February

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5. Comment. the units belonged to the 1st Recz Div and apparently conducted exercises in the western portion of the Doberitz training grounds.

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6. Comment. the three-day exercises in the southern portion of the Wittstock training grounds involved units of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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